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SUBJ: REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

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1. GURC STUDYING ETHIOPIAN SITUATION, OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY CONCERNED, BUT HAS MADE NO PUBLIC COMMENT SINCE EXECUTIONS. ACCORDING FONMIN DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS ELLEIH ELLE, GURC HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OTHER AF GOVTS RE EXECUTIONS OR CONCERTED OAU ACTION, BUT ELLEIH ELLE MENTIONED PRESS REPORTS ON PRESIDENT SIAD'S STRONG DECLARATION AT LAGOS "ON SIAD'S OWN INITIATIVE" AND DEMARCHE BY AFRICAN GROUP AT UN REQUESTING INTERVENTION BY UNGA PRESIDENT AND UN SECGEN, AGAIN "AT GROUP'S OWN INITIATIVE".

2. ELLEIH ELLE EXPLAINED GURC VIEW OF ETHIOPIAN SITUATION AS DIVIDED INTO THREE ASPECTS: (A) POLITICAL - THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR IN WHICH GURC WOULD NOT INTERFERE; (B) HUMANITARIAN - THE MATTER OF EXECUTIONS AND IMPRISONMENT OF MANY FORMER LEADERS HAS INTERNATIONAL SCOPE, BUT THUS FAR GURC ITSELF HAS TAKEN NO POSITION; (C) THE PERSON OF THE EMPEROR - PRESIDENT AHIDJO SPOKE TO THIS SUBJECT PUBLICLY IN MID-SEPTEMBER WHEN HE URGED RESPECTFUL TREATMENT
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AND OFFERED ASYLUM (YAOUNDE 3019).

3. COMMENT. THOUGH GURC HAS NOT YET GOTTEN ITSELF TOGETHER FOR STAND ON EXECUTIONS, IT QUITE CLEAR WHERE ITS SENTIMENTS LIE. IT ALSO PREDICTABLE THAT GURC WILL AT LEAST FALL IN LINE SOLIDLY, IF NOT HELP LEAD, OAU STATES' ACTIONS IN THIS AFFAIR.

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